

What Is Claimed Is:

- [c1]** 1. A digital video recorder, comprising:
- at least one tuner for receiving available content;
 - a memory for storing a plurality of selectable status parameters indicating functionality of said digital video recorder;
 - a telephone answering device for receiving voice signals and caller ID signals representing a telephone message from a caller and converting the voice signals and caller ID signals into digital signals;
 - at least one processor for performing at least one of a plurality of operations on the available content received from said at least one tuner, for directing storage of the digital signals to a storage device and controlling playback of the stored digital signals of the telephone message to be output at a display device operatively connected to the digital video recorder, and controlling a display of said plurality of status parameters based on received commands to access said memory, so as display at least a selected one of the plurality of status parameters.
- [c2]** 2. The digital video recorder of claim 1, wherein said at least one tuner includes one tuner.
- [c3]** 3. The digital video recorder of claim 1, wherein said at least one tuner includes multiple tuners.
- [c4]** 4. The digital video recorder of claim 1, wherein said at least one processor includes one processor.

[c5] 5. The digital video recorder of claim 1, wherein said at least one processor includes multiple processors, at least one for realtime functions and at least one for non-realtime functions.

[c6] 6. The digital video recorder of claim 1, wherein said at least one processor permits selection of at least one recorded event from the available content, based on actor, actress, director, program title, key word, key phrase, tag information, synopsis, release date, critical review, related program, sequel, thumbnail, preview, or snippet.

[c7] 7. The digital video recorder of claim 1, wherein said at least one processor displays a status of a program from the available content the user is watching.

[c8] 8. The digital video recorder of claim 1, wherein said at least one processor clears paused programming from the available content or converts paused programming to recorded programming during a channel change.

[c9] 9. The digital video recorder of claim 1, wherein said at least one processor allows a user to record an entire program from the available content after viewing the program for a period of time.

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[c10] 10. The digital video recorder of claim 1, wherein said at least one processor permits a user to capture a snippet of digital audio/video from the available content.

[c11] 11. The digital video recorder of claim 1, wherein said at least one processor permits a user to rewind recording in an increment for playback of a portion of the available content.

[c12] 12. The digital video recorder of claim 1, wherein said at least one processor enables a user to jump back from a live broadcast to a last paused video segment.

[c13] 13. The digital video recorder of claim 1, wherein a user manipulates designated keys or buttons of a remote control device, each designated key or button corresponding to each of said selectable plurality of status parameters, and wherein the manipulated key or button causes the correspondingly selected status parameter to be displayed on a display device operatively connected to the digital video recorder.

[c14] 14. The digital video recorder of claim 1, wherein one of said plurality of selectable status parameters is a live/recorded status feature that displays whether a program being viewed is either live or recorded.

[c15] 15. The digital video recorder of claim 1, wherein one of said plurality of selectable status parameters is a disk gas gage feature indicating how much of a mass storage device operatively connected to the digital video recorder is consumed by recorded material.

[c16] 16. The digital video recorder of claim 1, wherein one of said plurality of selectable status parameters is a notification indicating the approximate minutes of recording time still available while recording is in progress.

[c17] 17. The digital video recorder of claim 1, wherein one of said plurality of selectable status parameters is a notification indicating the program length of a desired program to record and the approximate minutes of recording time still available while for recording.

[c18] 18. The digital video recorder of claim 1, wherein one of said plurality of selectable status parameters is an attributes list which directs the user to other status parameters for display and manipulation, said other status parameters including at least one of a date a program is recorded, a latest date that a stored program has been accessed, size of a recorded or live program, length of a live or recorded program, protect feature to prevent erasure of a recorded program, save options designating how much of a program is to be recorded and/or how long of a time a program is to be stored before being erased, and implementation of a hidden file feature to prevent titles of certain programs from being displayed on a program guide list.

[c19] 19. The digital video recorder of claim 1, wherein the received telephone message is displayed as a text message on a display device.

[c20] 20. The digital video recorder of claim 1, wherein said at least one processor controls display of a telephone answering device main menu for selection of at least one of a plurality of parameters of the telephone

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answering device based on reception of a command to display the telephone answering device main menu by a user.

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